

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida,

Section 1. Article I, Section 1.6 of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida,

Sec. 1.6. Relation to Municipal Ordinances.

(2) Minimum Environmental Regulations. County ordinances shall establish minimum standards, procedures, requirements and regulations for the protection of the environment and shall be effective within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County. Such standards, procedures, requirements and regulations shall include, but shall not be

1 limited to, tree protection, landscaping, aquifer protection, stormwater, protection of
2 conservation and preservation features, and such other environmental standards as the Board of
3 County Commissioners determines to be necessary for the protection of the public health, safety,
4 and welfare of the citizens throughout Leon County. Standards shall be designed to place
5 emphasis on supporting healthy natural systems occurring in the environment. However, nothing
6 contained herein shall prohibit a municipality from adopting ordinances, standards, procedures,
7 requirements or regulations establishing a more stringent level of environmental protection
8 within the incorporated area of the County.

9 **Section 2. Ballot Question To Be Presented To Electorate.**

10 The proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, shall be
11 presented to the qualified Leon County electorate by placing the question of whether to adopt
12 same on the ballot at the special election to be held on November 2, 2010.

13 **Section 3. Ballot Question Form.**

14 The question on the ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

15 **MINIMUM COUNTYWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AS**
16 **PROPOSED BY THE CITIZEN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

17 **Question**

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20 Shall the Home Rule Charter for Leon County, Florida be amended to
21 provide that County ordinances shall establish minimum regulatory
22 standards for the protection of the environment countywide, with an
23 emphasis on supporting healthy natural systems in the environment;
24 effective April 1, 2011?

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26 Yes for Approval _____

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28 No for Rejection _____
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30 **Section 4. Further Authorization.**

1 The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, is authorized to adopt all
2 resolutions and take all actions necessary in order for this Charter amendment referendum to be
3 properly placed on the ballot for the special election of November 2, 2010. Said referendum
4 shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing referendum elections in the
5 State of Florida.

6 **Section 5. Severability.**

7 If any word, phrase, clause, section or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or
8 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or words shall be deemed a
9 separate and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the
10 remaining portions thereof.

11 **Section 6. Effective Date.**

12 This ordinance shall have effect upon becoming law, but shall be of no further force or
13 effect if the proposed Charter amendments are not duly approved at the November 2, 2010,
14 special election. The amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, as
15 proposed by this Ordinance, shall become effective April 1, 2011, if the Charter amendment is
16 approved by a "yes" vote by a majority of those duly qualified electors voting on the question
17 posed at the November 2, 2010, referendum.

18 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Leon
19 County, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2010.

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21 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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23 By: Bob Rackleff
24 Bob Rackleff, Chairman
25 Board of County Commissioners
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1 ATTESTED BY:
2 BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
3 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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6 By: John Stott, Deputy Clerk
7 Clerk
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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
11 COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
12 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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15 By: Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.
16 Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.
17 County Attorney